



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re  
Application of: **Stuart A. Newman, et al.**

Serial No.: **09/849,967** Examiner: **Misook Yu**

Filed: **May 8, 2001** Group: **1642**

For: **SPLICE CHOICE ANTAGONISTS AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS**

Attorney Docket #: **51230-00601**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 21, 2004, please enter the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as shown below. Applicant's first reply was filed within two months of the final rejection.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.